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1. IRAQI MEDIA HAVE ALSO GIVEN PLAY TO REPORTS ORIGINATING
IN US PRESS REGARDING SUPPOSED PLANS FOR A MILITARY
STRIKE FORCE TARGETED AT THE GULF REGION. IRAQI MEDIA
HAVE TENDED TO VIEW THIS MATTER IN CONTEXT OF SADAT
INITIATIVES, AN ISSUE WHICH CONTINUES TO PREOCCUPY
EDITORIALISTS IN THIS CAPITAL.

2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED AL-JUMHOURIYA, FOR EXAMPLE, STATES
THAT PLAN COULD NOT BUT BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH
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AMERICAN MACHINATIONS TO IMPOSE A CAPITULATIONIST
SETTLEMENT ON THE ARAB REGION THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY
OF THE SO-CALLED SADAT INITIATIVE. AL-JUMHOURIYA ADDED,
"SEEN FROM ANY ANGLE, THE AMERICAN PLAN IS AN ACT OF
INSOLENT INTIMIDATION - ONE THAT GIVES THE LIE TO THE
CLAIM OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING ITS
PURSUIT OF A NEW AND CIVILIZED LINE OF POLICY. IT IS TO BE

NOTED THAT THIS PIECE OF AMERICAN INTIMIDATION HAS BEEN TIMED WITH THE PREPARATIONS MADE TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SADAT REGIME AND THE ZIONIST ENTITY UNDER US AUSPICES. ALL EVIDENCE POINTS OUT THE FACT THAT THE ENVISAGE AGREEMENT WILL FALL STRICTLY WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE ZIONIST TERMS. IT WILL BE A PERPETUATION OF ZIONIST OCCUPATION IN A NEW GARB."

3. BAGHDAD MEDIA HAVE ALSO RECALLED STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT BAKR LAST SEPTEMBER 20 REJECTING THE IDEA OF AMERICAN INTERVENTION IN THE GULF AREA AND EMPHASIZING IRAQS OBJECTION TO THE ENSTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL SECURITY ALLIANCE.
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